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Food bank donations take a dip

GOOD WILL

Even still, '990 food drives happening,' director says

Tereza Verenca
Metro | Vancouver

The Greater Vancouver Food Bank is reporting food donations in November were 11 per cent lower when compared to the same time last year.

"We don't know why," said communications director Ariela Friedmann. "But food is definitely coming in. We currently have 990 food drives happening."

As for monetary donations, Friedmann added it is unknown at this time whether the organization will meet its annual fundraising goal of $4.5 million by next June, the end of its fiscal year.

"We are trying to raise 65 per cent of our total annual revenue budget through the last three months of the year," she explained. "And with the public's help, we are hoping to achieve that."

Giving a few bucks this holiday season goes a long way, Friedmann said. For every dollar, the food bank receives three times that amount due to the business deals set up with local farmers.

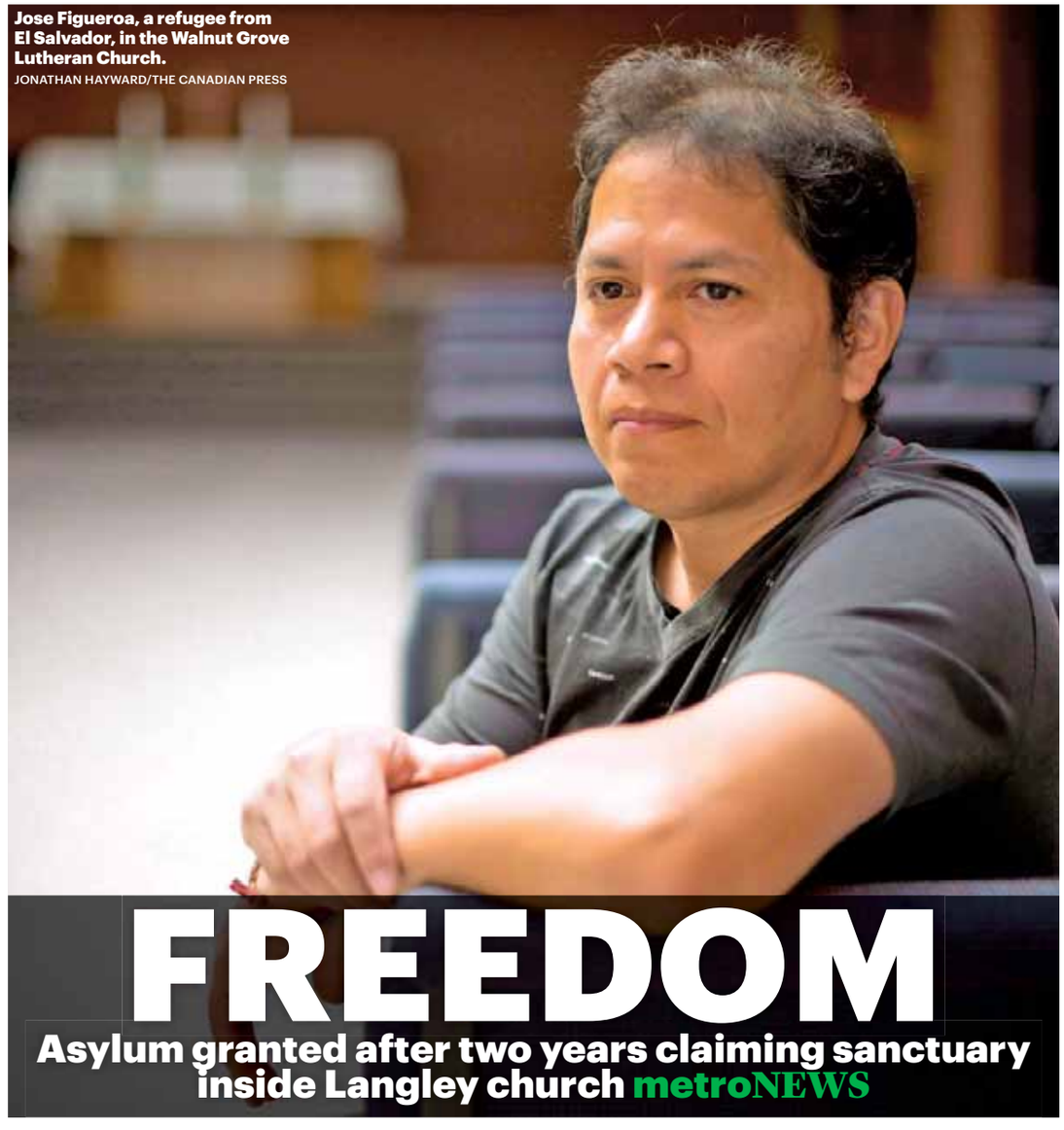
Non-perishables, meanwhile, are always needed. The top three items are canned fish (tuna and salmon), canned meat (chicken and turkey) and canned beans (black, chickpea and kidney). Other things on the list are 100 per cent nut butters, pasta and rice.

Meanwhile, the number of people using the food bank on a weekly basis is comparable to 2014 — about 26,500 clients — but the face of who is coming through the doors is changing, she added. About one in five are families with children or seniors.

"At the end of the day, when you're on old-age security pension, it's very hard to make ends meet," said Friedmann.

The Greater Vancouver Food Bank currently runs 14 distribution locations and hands out about 4.4 million pounds of food each year.

> **For us, nutrition is the most important thing. When you're hungry, you need nutritious food.**
> Ariela Friedmann



Jose Figueroa, a refugee from El Salvador, in the Walnut Grove Lutheran Church.
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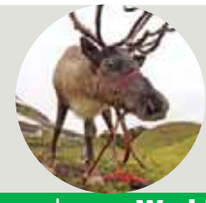

As Rudolph gears up to guide Santa's sleigh, science explains his shiny, red nose. **World**

YVR AIRPORT SURPRISES TWO TRAVELLERS Passengers Charles and Kim were randomly selected as the 20 millionth passengers of 2015 to come through Vancouver International Airport. When the cousins arrived from Calgary on Tuesday they were greeted by airport staff and were told they won a $10,000 travel voucher for their next vacation out of YVR.

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Man may face deportation

COURT

Len Van Heest immigrated to Canada at 8 months old

Tereza Verenca
Metro | Vancouver

A 58-year-old man from Vancouver Island who has lived almost his entire life in Canada could be deported to the Netherlands on Wednesday.

Len Van Heest was just eight months old when his parents immigrated to Courtenay, B.C. His mom and dad became citizens, but Van Heest did not.

"In my experience, parents in this situation think once they've got their citizenship, that their children automatically get theirs," Van Heest's lawyer, Peter Golden, told Metro.

At the age of 16, the then-teenager was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, which Golden believes led him into many run-ins with the law.

"Once he had the mental disorder, he began to self-medicate, street drugs and alcohol," the lawyer said, adding some of the serious convictions include assault with a weapon and uttering threats with a weapon.

Golden isn't sure why his client never applied to become a Canadian citizen over the course of his life but did say the process does become more difficult when there's a criminal record.

Van Heest was scheduled to be deported on Dec. 19, but Golden won an interim stay. He remains in custody until Wednesday, when the Federal Court will decide whether to grant a stay of the deportation order.

"He's scared," Golden said of his client, who would be leaving his 81-year-old mother behind.

"He helps her with chores and they play Scrabble together. She's devastated by this."

Golden worries that if Van Heest is deported, it will trigger his bipolar disorder.

"That's been the pattern. As he's matured, he's been doing much better. There's nothing I'm aware of in two-plus years that has gotten him into trouble," he said.

Going back to his mother country would also mean going back to "strangers," people who are family but don't know Van Heest personally.

This case is a result of the previous government's decision to toughen laws around the deportation of non-citizen criminals, according to the lawyer.

The Conservatives changed the rules so that a person can be deported if they were sentenced to six months (before it was more than two years).

The right to appeal to the Immigration Appeal Division was also taken away.

"The only thing that distinguishes this fellow from anyone else as a Canadian citizen is that his parents didn't take the steps. He was a child. He didn't have a chance to deal with it," Golden said.

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BACKGROUND

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Jose Figueroa, a refugee from El Salvador, checks his cellphone at the Walnut Grove Lutheran Church in Langley in 2013. Figueroa can now qualify for permanent residency in Canada after being granted an exemption to remain in the country. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Salvadoran man free to leave church sanctuary after 2 years

LANGLEY

Feds cancel deportation order for Jose Figueroa

A man who defied a murderous dictatorship, escaped his native El Salvador under death threats and then fled into church sanctuary in British Columbia under the former Conservative government has finally been handed his freedom.

Jose Figueroa will step through the doors of the Langley church on his 49th birthday on Wednesday to reunite with his wife and three children two years after taking refuge.

Immigration Minister John McCallum has granted the man an exemption to remain in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds.

A letter from Citizenship and Immigration Canada sent to Figueroa said his permanent residence application can now be processed. It comes 18 years after he arrived.

"I don't know how I'm going to do it, to get out and finally breathe some freedom — liberation," Figueroa said Tuesday in a phone interview from Walnut Grove Lutheran Church.

He received notification on Monday that the Canadian Border Services Agency had cancelled an arrest warrant and a deportation order that prompted him to seek sanctuary in October 2013.

Figueroa has been living B.C.'s Lower Mainland since 1997, working and raising his family including a son who has autism. He mounted a series of legal challenges until a May 2010 finding that he was inadmissible to Canada.

Immigration officials reversed his previous permission on the basis that Figueroa had admitted to political activism in a revolutionary movement during a civil war in his homeland in the 1980s.

Officials said he had problematic links to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, which they stated was believed to have engaged in terrorism.

The FMLN, however, had opposed a U.S.-backed military government that sent death squads to terrorize the people. FMLN was never listed as a terror entity by the Canadian government.

A protest campaign called "We are Jose" was launched by hundreds of supporters, which included MPs, academics, student groups, the vice-president of the Salvadoran National Assembly and even actor Martin Sheen.

But successive federal Tory immigration ministers refused to grant his application for relief.

> **This was my best option in order to be close to my family. I don't regret having had to take in sanctuary. Not at all.**
> Jose Figueroa

"Jose was president of the student union, he wasn't a war criminal," said Sasha Wood, a longtime supporter who raised awareness about Figueroa's case.

She can't help but wonder why the previous government was "so mean-spirited."

"We banged on every single door, we had people going to the minister, delivering letters themselves personally, and nobody would budge on it."

Immigration policy analyst Richard Kurland, who watched the case for five years, said it likely took one stroke of the new minister's pen to resolve Figueroa's plight.

"It looks like it was a priority for the new government to fix this," Kurland said. "Under the former government, law-and-order trumped compassion."

A Federal Court judge ruled in July against the Conservative immigration minister and granted Figueroa a judicial review.

Judge Richard Mosley found the man did not take up arms; instead he educated students about the political situation in El Salvador and encouraged them to join the FMLN to help change it.

A peace agreement was reached in 1992. The FMLN won democratic elections to govern the country in 2009.

University of B.C. Prof. Maxwell Cameron, who also assisted in the case, said Figueroa was not embroiled in terrorism vs. democracy, but with a "bloodthirsty" military regime repressing a popular insurrection.

"Calling someone who was part of the popular resistance a terrorist ... goes against the historical record and exposes the lack of nuance in the application of our legislation," said Cameron, director at the Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

Figueroa said his family has suffered while he's been unable to leave the church, and it pains him to consider missing birthdays and his son's high school graduation.

"This was my best option in order to be close to my family," he said. "I don't regret having had to take in sanctuary. Not at all."

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Costly gear stolen from Search and Rescue team

THEFT

Community has banded together over social media

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Frustrated volunteer crews at Surrey Search and Rescue are in damage-control mode after "thousands and thousands" of dollars worth of gear was stolen from their compound days before Christmas.

Thieves broke into two emergency rescue trucks locked at their compound sometime on Sunday, stealing a 2400-watt generator, an outboard motor and toolboxes, among other things, rescuer Larry Kost said Tuesday.

"It's thousands and thousands of dollars, not to mention the significant amount of damages to the vehicles," Kost said, adding that one was rendered unusable except for as a tow vehicle.

"This compromises our ability to respond," he said. Surrey Search and Rescue serves Surrey, White Rock, Delta and Richmond, all the way from the border to the Fraser River. It conducts about 40 rescues a year on land and water.

"What appeared to be just a dash and grab kind of thing creates a tremendous amount of work for a non-paid, volunteer organization."

But crews are trying to remain positive as they rally to raise money and restock their inventory to ensure they're rescue ready.

"On the upside of things, the outpouring of support from the community has been tremendous," Kost said.

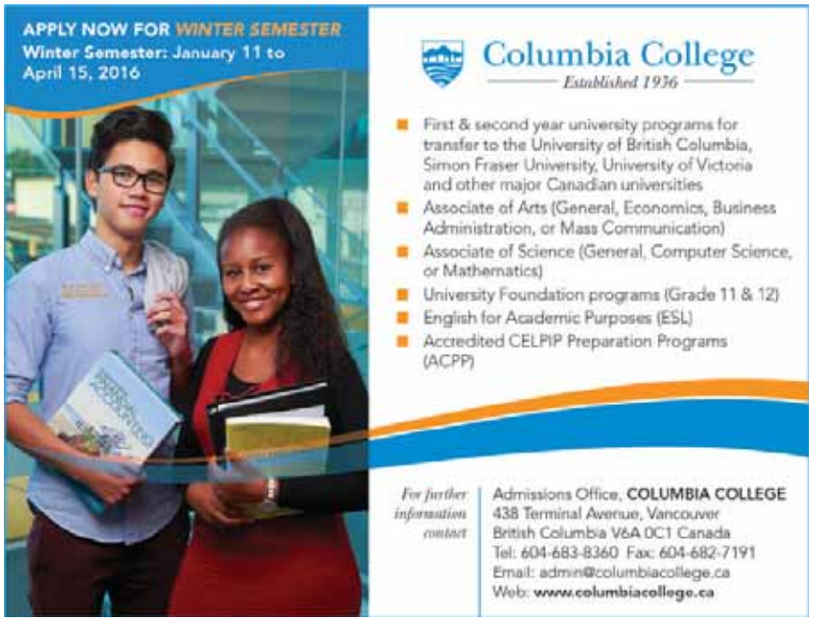
Donations, emails and calls of support have been flooding in, he said, and the call for donations has been shared more than 700 times on Facebook.

Theft has been a recurring problem for local search and rescue organizations. Last summer, North Shore Rescue's equipment cache was robbed four times in two months with more than $30,000 worth of gear stolen.

Equipment was stolen from two trucks at the Surrey Search and Rescue compound. CONTRIBUTED

INFORMATION

Mounties are investigating the incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502.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SURREY

Woman finds intruder in bed

Mounties are considering sexual assault as a possible motive after a woman woke up to find an unknown man sleeping beside her in bed in her Surrey home early Sunday morning.

Surrey RCMP is seeking tips from the public relating to intrusion at the house near 64 Avenue and 121 Street sometime between 4:20 a.m. and 7:20 a.m.

When the complainant woke, there was a man in her bed. Police describe him as about five-foot-three, 22, and Aboriginal, with a slim build. He wore a black sweater and a black and grey baseball cap.

Investigators canvassed the neighbourhood for witnesses and surveillance video, but had no updates on the case as of Tuesday.

"Police would like anyone who may have seen someone in that area acting suspicious to give our investigators a call," Cpl. Scotty Schumann said.

"This is a good opportunity to remind people, even when they are at home, to ensure their ground level doors and windows are secure."

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REPORT

Anyone with information is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

PETS

Owner cleared of neglect charges

A B.C. judge cleared charges against a Victoria woman who refused to euthanize her sick 15-year-old Siamese cat Cinnamon in a decision that compared the deterioration of the cat's health to aging humans.

Eva Livingston landed in court after a neighbour spotted Cinnamon in June 2015 — by all accounts the creature was in dire straights at this point — and took the cat to animal control.

The City of Victoria subsequently charged Livingston with violating its animal control bylaw that requires an owner to ensure an animal receives the necessary veterinary care when suffering from pain, illness or injury.

But Judicial Justice H. W. Gordon ruled Livingston didn't violate the bylaw due to her long history of providing veterinary care for the cat that lived a difficult, but well loved life.

"This is a sad and difficult case that brings into play the juxtaposition between a person's philosophy for the care of a much loved, aged and sickly cat and the animal welfare law of the City of Victoria and the perspective of those that enforce it," Gordon wrote in his December judgment.

"Cinnamon was long past her best before date and Ms. Livingston stated her philosophy was that animals should not be put down but be allowed to live out their lives naturally while being made as comfortable as possible."

Cinnamon faced many hardships over her long life. At age two, she lost her left eye and sustained internal injuries and lasting injuries to her limbs. At age eight, her tail was caught in a door, leaving her with lifelong bowel movement problems.

But Livingston provided her with veterinary care throughout. At her last vet visit in June 2014, Cinnamon was diagnosed with a laundry list of old age ailments (arthritis, respiratory problems, diarrhea, blocked nostril, dehydration with weight loss and deteriorating teeth) "not unlike many of the very elderly in the human end of the mammalian hierarchy," Gordon wrote. The vet said she wouldn't live past Christmas 2014, so Livingston set out to make her comfortable.

Neither the veterinarian who examined Cinnamon nor the animal control officer who issued the ticket knew Cinnamon's history as a scraggy, but cared for, cat, the justice found.

Gordon noted he had great difficulty making a decision but ultimately found Livingston did not violate the bylaw.

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CHRISTMAS

More Albertans head to church

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

British Columbians are less likely to attend church on Christmas compared to their Albertan neighbours, according to a new poll.

Insights West polled people in both western Canadian provinces on how and what they celebrate during the holiday season.

The vast majority of respondents (93 per cent in B.C. and 90 per cent in Alberta) replied they celebrate Christmas.

Despite the religious nature of the Christian holiday, only 23 per cent of British Columbians polled indicated they plan to attend a religious service during the winter, compared to 37 per cent in Alberta.

Other than that, Christmas appears to be celebrated similarly in both provinces.

Ninety per cent in B.C. and 89 per cent in Alberta plan on buying gifts for friends and family.

Forty-four per cent in both provinces will host a Christmas dinner or party, and 60 per cent will bake goodies.

Decorating, putting up a tree, watching Christmas movies and sending cards all rank high among respondents.

However, fewer people (15 per cent in B.C. and 27 per cent in Alberta, respectively) plan to take a picture with Santa, wear an ugly sweater (14 and 6) or visit a Christmas market (37 and 27).

Just 15 per cent of British Columbians and 13 per cent of Albertans plan to volunteer during the holidays, though 49 and 45 per cent of them, respectively, plan to donate to a charity.

B.C. NUMBERS

How many B.C. residents told pollsters they plan to:
Buy gifts for family: 90%
Bake goodies: 60%
Donate to charity: 49%
Host seasonal party: 44%
Take pic with Santa: 15%
INSIGHTS WEST

IN BRIEF

Olympic rings stolen
Vancouver police are asking for the public's assistance after a Canadian men's national field-hockey team member's home was broken into on Monday.

Police say a number of irreplaceable items were taken in the afternoon break-and-enter, including his Beijing 2008 Olympic Games ring and his UBC Thunderbirds alumni ring. The break-in occurred sometime between 3 and 4 p.m. on W. 8th Avenue, near Maple Street.
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Christmas shopper robbed
An 81-year-old woman was severely traumatized and had to be taken to hospital for examination after being robbed in the parking lot of Sevenoaks Shopping Centre on Monday.

The victim, who is less than five feet tall and uses a cane, was getting into her car when a man in his 20s grabbed her purse and ran to the passenger seat of a yellow sedan, which fled. The thief is described as a clean-shaven white male with a slim build and short brown hair. METRO

A man uses the free public Wi-Fi hot spot that serves the Gathering Place in downtown Vancouver. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Free Wi-Fi launches at 15 new locations

INTERNET

City expands long-promised program of hot spots

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouverites can now send Snapchats of their kids playing hockey at the Kerrisdale Cyclone Taylor Arena or post Instagrams of flowers at the VanDusen Botanical Gardens without worrying about using too much data.

The city has expanded its free Wi-Fi program to these locations — and 13 more — just in time for the holiday season, when many residents will have more time to use community centres, arenas and other civic facilities.

The expansion brings the total number of facilities where people can access the web from their smartphones to 21. The city originally promised to deliver free public Wi-Fi at 43 locations by the end of October, but the rollout has been delayed.

Still, residents and organizations that serve low-income people have celebrated the free access as a way to ease the digital divide for those who can't afford Internet at home. The city intentionally chose organizations such as the Gathering Place, a drop-in centre for vulnerable adults in the downtown core, to get free Wi-Fi quickly.

21
Number of free Wi-Fi hot spots now functioning, of 43 originally promised for the end of October. For the full list, go to Metronews.ca

The tourism industry and emergency responders also advocate free Wi-Fi as a great way to engage visitors and to communicate with the public in emergency situations.

Telus won the bid to provide free Wi-Fi in Vancouver in April. The local telecommunications giant does so at no cost to the city in exchange for setting up infrastructure at civic facilities.

Surrey beat Vancouver to providing free public Wi-Fi. It launched its service, which is provided by Shaw, at more than 40 hot spots in fall 2014.

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Mill fined $56K in pellet plant blast

WORKPLACE SAFETY

Company fell short on due diligence, says report

British Columbia's workers' compensation authority has fined a Burns Lake company $56,000 in the wake of a 2014 explosion at a wood pellet plant that injured three workers.

WorkSafeBC imposed the penalty against Pinnacle Renewable Energy Inc. after an investigation report concluded the company failed to maintain safe working conditions and to exercise due diligence.

Pinnacle fell short on providing adequate safety information, training and supervision, the report found. "These failures contributed to an explosion which carried a high risk of causing serious injury or death," read the document.

The investigation concluded that workers failed to follow procedures before opening up a dryer door during a routine burner cleaning, including shutting off a combustion fan before the equipment had cooled sufficiently.

It also found that the facility's production superintendent had directed a worker to abandon the control room to help with the cleanout, leaving no one to monitor as temperatures rose to dangerously high levels.

The temperature in the dryer chamber climbed to 358 C, far higher than the 80 C stipulated in the manufacturer's instructions before the door can be safely opened.

The report concluded the explosion was caused by a buildup of gases in the burner, sparked by a combination of residual heat and a sudden inflow of oxygen.

"There is no evidence that the atmosphere was monitored for oxygen, flammable gases, carbon monoxide and hydrogen sulphide ... before workers entered into the burner combustion chamber," read the report.

The three workers standing outside the dryer door were knocked off their feet and suffered burns as a result of the blast.

The report also found in the aftermath of the explosion that the employer had submitted a document outlining safe work procedures that was labelled as a draft and dated 11 days after the incident.

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INQUIRY

A coroner's inquest found the deaths were accidental and no charges were laid, but the United Steelworkers union is calling for a public inquiry into both that explosion and another fatal blast that happened at Lakeland Mills in Prince George a few months later. The Lakeland explosion killed two people and injured dozens more.

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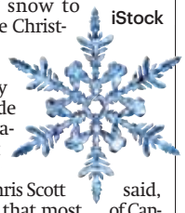
WEATHER

Cities to get green holiday

Half of all Canadians will see a white Christmas this year, in what The Weather Network's chief meteorologist is calling "a tale of two seasons."

While most of Canada's landmass will be blanketed in the requisite two centimetres of snow to reach white Christmas status, "you can pretty much divide the population right down the middle," Chris Scott said, explaining that most of Canada's major cities will be green on Christmas Day.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Scott said that southern Ontario straight through to Atlantic Canada will be snow-free, and some areas can even expect rain on Christmas Eve.

But from northern Ontario to British Columbia, it's a different story, he said. In those regions — excluding Vancouver and Victoria — the ground will be snowy.

But, he said, there shouldn't be any "big-ticket storms" on Christmas Day.

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TECHNOLOGY

ISIL to build its own app

Defence contractors and security groups are warning that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is developing its own smartphone app.

The app can be used on Android devices and gives access to the online portal Amaq News Agency, which western intelligence officers, who spoke on background, claim is associated with ISIL's propaganda arm.

The app also contains written accounts of life under the self-declared caliphate, battlefield reports, statements on executions and, perhaps most importantly, videos.

Canada's top military commander, Gen. Jon Vance, says the app doesn't represent some great technical achievement but is a concern as a tool for possible radicalization.

ISIL's online reach seemed to know no bounds in 2015, with brutal YouTube video executions, Twitter messaging and even old-fashioned chat rooms.

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Drone enthusiast McKinley Raham lost his drone in a Toronto park, but was reunited with it after he made lost pet-style posters. Transport Canada wants to make sure new pilots know the rules and risks around operating the machines. TODD KOROL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gifting drones has regulators nervous

TRANSPORTATION

UAVs a risk to manned aircraft, says director

A new toy under the tree this year is making Transport Canada nervous.

On Christmas morning, it's expected thousands of drones will be unwrapped and take to the skies in test flights across the country, all piloted by newbie aviators.

With the "exponential" growth of the drone industry, the federal regulator wants to make sure the new pilots — and they are indeed pilots — know the rules and risks around operating their new machines.

"Our real concern given the growth in this industry is around the risk to aircraft in the air and to people on the ground," said Aaron McCrorie, Transport Canada's director general of civil aviation.

McCrorie said few recreational drone operators have any training. "Ignorance is perhaps our biggest challenge. People don't know what it means to operate safely," he said.

The caution comes at the end of a year when commercial pilots have reported a growing number of worrisome encounters with drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

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At times, they are just a nuisance. In November, a "concerned citizen" in Cambridge reported a drone flying low overhead. "The drone was flying just below the street lights and over people's heads and very close to residences," according to a preliminary Transport Canada report.

Transport Canada has launched an awareness campaign to promote the safe operation of drones.

The proposed rules would set out required training and age restrictions, depending on the type of drone and where it would be flown. For example, the rules don't allow drone flights within nine kilometres of an airport. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Close calls with drones

1 May
An Air Canada jet at Toronto's Pearson International Airport deviated from its flight path to avoid a UAV flying directly in the busy departure route.

2 July
The pilots of a Jazz Airlines Dash 8 turboprop reported a near miss with a drone during their arrival at Edmonton International Airport. The crew initially thought it was another aircraft but as it passed below and to the left, the captain identified it as a UAV travelling in the opposite direction.

3 August
Water bombers fighting a forest fire in B.C. were grounded for several hours after a drone was spotted in the area. Afterward, the B.C. government said it would consider changing its Wildfire Act to possibly punish irresponsible drone operators.

LEGALIZATION

Canadians with cannabis convictions want pardon

Marcus Richardson
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Marcus Richardson is, in the eyes of the law, a criminal.

Never mind that a judge ruled the six kilograms of cannabis police found in his car was for severely ill patients at a medical marijuana dispensary.

Or that the same judge imposed only a minimum sentence because anything more would fail to maintain "a just, peaceful and safe society."

He's a criminal — and so are scores of other Canadians who face barriers to travel and work because they were caught with a drug that the government now intends to legalize.

"My charge wasn't like, 'He was practising civil disobedience at a place that was helping sick and dying people improve the quality of their last days on earth,'" Richardson said.

"If the charge read like that, I'd have no problem with it. It reads like, 'I'm a marijuana trafficker.'"

Canadians with criminal records for marijuana crimes are eagerly waiting to see if Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will offer pardons when pot is legalized. Tens of thousands are charged with possession every year, and if convicted face consequences that can be devastating.

Richardson was driving across Vancouver's Lions Gate Bridge in 1998 when police stopped him at a roadblock and found several kilograms of marijuana and $6,000 in his trunk.

A judge found the drugs were intended only for B.C. Compassion Club Society members. But he was convicted of possession for the purpose of trafficking and received a suspended sentence and six months' probation.

Today, the 42-year-old father of three holds a federal licence to grow and possess marijuana and runs a business selling equipment for medical cannabis users.

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BACKGROUND

The previous Conservative government overhauled the pardon system in 2012, making it more expensive and rigorous. Pardons seal a criminal record to allow offenders who have lived crime-free to reintegrate.

Millions win in lottery

SPAIN

Yearly ritual spreads wealth and cheer wide

Decked out in their school uniforms, young Spanish schoolchildren in Madrid's stately Teatro Real opera house sang out lottery numbers on live TV Tuesday for Spain's massively popular Christmas lottery that showered 2.2 billion euros ($2.4 billion US) across the country.

They finally sang out "El Gordo," the biggest winner in the drawing: No. 79,140. People who bought that number in a southern beach city were the luckiest ones this year.

But Spaniards all over the nation shared in the wealth because their lottery system doles out prizes much more broadly than lotteries with huge jackpots for just a few winners.

The No. 1 prize gives out a jackpot of just 400,000 euros, but more than 1,000 tickets win the big one and the lottery hands out 24 million prizes overall.

Though other lotteries make headlines with their larger top prizes, El Gordo (The Fat One) is ranked as the world's richest and makes its mark every year in Spain — uniting the country because almost everyone takes part.

Across the nation, people stay glued to the television as lower-level winning numbers are announced until El Gordo is sung out. Then a tradition kicks in, with people who purchased winning tickets on their own or in groups showing up outside the lottery agency that sold them the tickets for gleeful fiestas.

The lottery has always been immensely popular but has taken on special importance in recent years as Spain struggled through a real-estate bubble and the European debt crisis.

> **It's very important for the town, especially in the difficult times we've been facing.**
> Mayor Gabriel Amat

Lottery office owner Cristina Ruiz, 53, second from left, celebrates with the business co-owners Tuesday after selling the second Christmas lottery prize "El Gordo" (The Fat One) in Logrono, northern Spain. ALVARO BARRIENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While lottery winners used to buy apartments or new cars during Spain's boom years, many winners hurt by the economic crisis now use winnings to pay off debt.

The top winning number went this time to the southern beach town of Roquetas de Mar, where elated winners arrived and cracked open bottles of sparkling wine for a celebratory street party.

"I'm really happy and I congratulate all the winners," Mayor Gabriel Amat told the Voz de Almeria newspaper. "It's very important for the town, especially in the difficult times we've been facing."

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IN BRIEF

Civilian casualties in Turkey
Human Rights Watch reports that 15 died in Kurdish areas of Turkey in September and November as a casualty of government security. More are expected to suffer. Engaged in clashes with Kurdish militants, authorities have set up extended curfews, cut power and dug trenches lined with explosives in many neighbourhoods. Many civilians have been displaced and can't get medical treatment when they need it.
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Burundi human rights in question: Amnesty
Amnesty International says independent experts should investigate Burundi's armed forces for alleged human-rights violations, including extra-judicial executions, rape and looting in the unrest over President Pierre Nkurunziza's extended tenure. The security forces' violent tactics on Dec. 11, in response to an armed attack upon three military facilities, represented a dramatic escalation in the scale of previous operations.
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RESEARCH

The science of Rudolph's nose, eyes

A reindeer grazes at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Everyone knows Rudolph has a red nose but what about his eyes?

Prompted by questions from his four-year-old daughter, anthropology professor Nathaniel Dominy of Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., recently wrote a scholarly paper on how the unique properties of reindeer eyes might explain the advantage of having a very shiny nose, particularly if it produces red light.

Reindeer eyes include reflective tissue that appears to glow when light hits it. In reindeer, the tissue changes from a golden colour during the summer to a deep blue in winter.

"What happens is that at night, the animals are trying to dilate their pupils to allow as much light into the eye as possible, and because those muscles are so active, it actually blocks little valves in the eye," Dominy explained. "The pressure in the eye builds up and compresses that tissue in the back of the eye, which causes the refractive properties to change."

While that change could boost an animal's ability to spot food in the snow when daylight in the Arctic is dim, it would be a distinct disadvantage on a foggy Christmas Eve because fog blocks blue light, Dominy said.

Enter the red nose.

Of all the colours, red light travels through fog fastest, making it ideal for guiding Santa's sleigh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Migrants arrive on the Greek island of Lesbos on Nov. 2 after crossing the Aegean sea from Turkey's coast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Over 1M migrated to Europe

REFUGEE CRISIS

The majority travelled by sea, say experts

More than one million people — driven out of their countries by war, poverty and persecution — entered Europe in this record-breaking year, migration experts said Tuesday, a symbolic milestone capping a mass movement of people that has challenged the concept of European unity.

With just days left in 2015, the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration said 1,005,504 people had entered Europe as of Monday, more than four times as many as last year. Almost all came by sea, while 3,692 others drowned trying to make the crossing.

IOM director-general William Lacy Swing urged European governments to make migration safer.

"We know migration is inevitable. It's necessary and it's desirable," he said, adding: "Migration must be legal, safe and secure for all — both for the migrants themselves and the countries that will become their new home."

The IOM compiles the numbers from government records in Greece, Italy, Bulgaria, Spain, Malta and Cyprus, spokesman Joel Millman said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

50%

About half of the people entering Europe were Syrians, while 20 per cent were Afghans and 7 per cent Iraqis, IOM said.

IN BRIEF

Students killed in shell attack on Syrian school

The Syrian government and an opposition monitoring group say that at least nine students have been killed and several wounded by a mortar shell that slammed into their school in the northeastern city of Deir el-Zour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. sends advisers to Afghan district under siege

Fierce battles were underway Tuesday between Afghan forces and the Taliban in Helmand province, where the insurgents have almost completely captured a strategic district as Britain deployed military advisers to the restive area. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ski resorts still wait for snow

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Unlike in the east, white stuff piling up in the west

A reversal of fortunes is afoot in Canada as the snow continues to pile up at western Canadian ski resorts while the grass is still on display on slopes in the east.

The conditions are in contrast to the past couple of years when warm winters wreaked havoc at many western ski resorts while frigid and snowy conditions in the east ensured hills packed with skiers and snowboarders.

Blue Mountain ski resort in Collingwood, Ont., north of Toronto, was all set for a Nov. 27 start date, but the snow just didn't show up — and hasn't in other parts of Ontario and Quebec either.

"We were all ready for the 27th; nature was not," said Tara Lovell, public relations manager for the resort.

The conditions are in stark contrast to free-falling snow in the West.

"B.C. in general has had an unreal opening start," said Cynthia Thomas, communications manager for the Canada West Ski Areas Association.

The heavy snowfall is being welcomed at Mount Washington on Vancouver Island, which was forced to close early the past two seasons due to lack of snow.

"The conditions have just been outstanding," said Don Sharpe, director of business operations for the resort.

Mount Washington has already had over 300 centimetres of snow in December, allowing it to open its more technical terrain after a two-year hiatus and attract more skiers.

In the Rocky Mountains, the snow is also falling fast to the relief of resorts like Castle Mountain that were also forced to close early last year.

And so far, Alberta's economic downturn doesn't seem to have had an impact on the ski resorts, with Sunshine Village near Banff, Alta. showing a 10 to 15 per cent increase in ticket sales, says Lindsay Gallagher, marketing co-ordinator for the resort.

> **We were all ready for the 27th; nature was not.**
> Tara Lovell of Blue Mountain ski resort in Ontario

She said more Albertans are staying closer to home this season rather than travel for vacation, helping to boost season-pass sales. American travellers taking advantage of the low Canadian dollar are also helping to boost attendance.

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POLLUTION ITALIAN CITIES STRUGGLE TO DEAL WITH SEASONAL SCOURGE Smoke billows from chimneys in Milan Tuesday, adding to Italy's seasonal air pollution that has been worsened this year by long spells of no rain and little wind. Milan, joining efforts to battle pollution, is limiting the use of diesel cars and has asked residents to turn down thermostats by 1 degree while parents accompanying their children to and from Milan's schools can ride free on buses and trams. Meanwhile, Rome, as it has done several times this fall, is limiting the number of cars and motorcycles on its roads using a system based on license plates. And in northern Turin, public transport was free for two days this month to try to entice commuters away from cars. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHISKEY WARS

Lawsuit over Fireball trademark doused

Heated competition between producers of cinnamon whiskeys has cooled off, with Sazerac dropping its lawsuit against Jack Daniel's.

Sazerac — whose brands include the long-established Fireball Cinnamon Whisky — had accused its rival of trademark infringement by using the term "Fireball" in online advertising for cinnamon-flavoured Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire.

The legal fight ended quietly Monday when Sazerac filed a motion in federal court in Kentucky to voluntarily drop its claims. Sazerac's decision came just before Jack Daniel's — the flagship brand of Brown-Forman Corp. — was required to respond to the lawsuit.

Sazerac's motion did not say why it was dropping the case. Company spokeswoman Amy Preske said both parties reached an agreement.

Brown-Forman spokesman Phil Lynch said Tuesday the company was pleased to have settled the dispute but had no further comment.

Brown-Forman has increased sales for its popular Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey brand by developing flavoured line extensions. In the past year, the Louisville-based spirits company expanded its Tennessee Fire version across the U.S.

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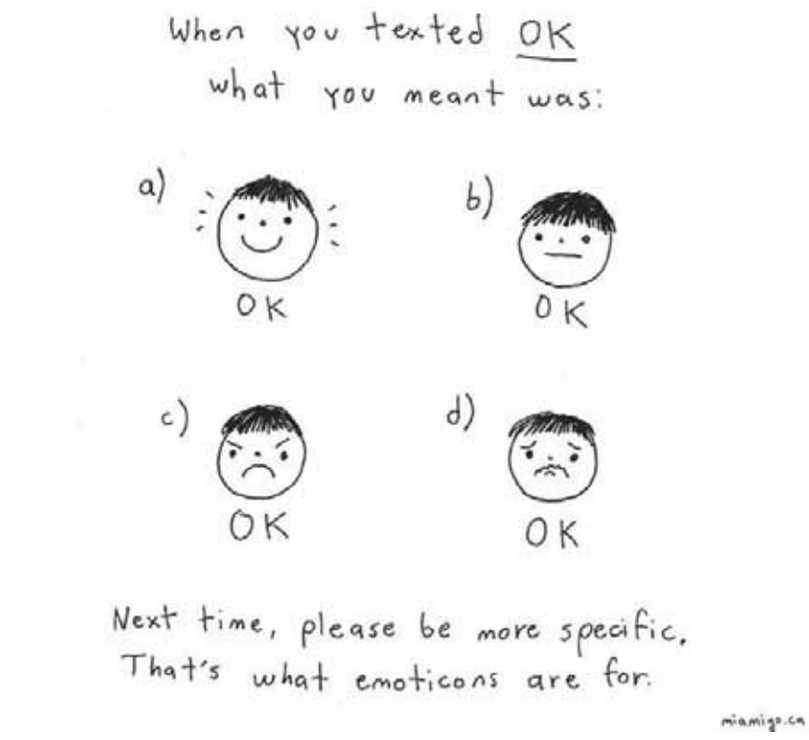
THE QUESTION

I say it's OK to use emoticons in emails. My mom says no way. What do you say? — :)



Dear Ellen,
I say it's OK to use emoticons in emails. My mom says no way. What do you say?
:), Vancouver

Dear :),

If you're sending an invitation to a karaoke birthday party, the more emoticons/emoji the better. But if you're submitting a résumé or student application, best to avoid them. Then again, if the place you're applying to is clown school, then yes, go emoticon go.

As with many matters of etiquette, it depends.

Personally, I have no problem with emoticons in emails, which (unlike image-based emoji) are made with letters and symbols and can be fun and creative. ^_^

In fact, I wish I'd learned to use :D and ;) and :) and :P years ago when email was new and people were forging the proper approach to online etiquette.

For famously rude old-school journalists, the cursory way we dealt with each other in person and on paper only got worse with electronic communication. Though fussy about spelling and punctuation in published articles, our emails were and still are sharp, direct and barely literate, because, you know, our time is so damn valuable. (Also, no one is paying us by the word in an email.)

For my non-journo friends, however, this "quick, efficient" approach was often perceived as "curt, rude and offensive." I've now learned that when a tight deadline or a long meeting does not permit sending a proper email, I can at least take the time to add a friendly smile or cheerful exclamation point to a one-word message in order to signal goodwill until I have more time to write or call.

An emoticon is most definitely recommended ... if there's any risk of misunderstanding.

An emoticon is most definitely recommended if you can't resist jocularity and there's any risk of misunderstanding. The difference between "Thanks a lot, hate you too" and "Thanks a lot, hate you too ;P" is vast.

As for more elaborate emoticons, I usually steer clear. For one thing, they take too much shift-hunting and option-pecking on the keyboard. For another, they can be misconstrued. When you write, "Yes I did see the vicious reviews of my work on Twitter" and then add +_+ it's not really clear if the emoticon means "No comment" or "I am so freaked out, I got wasted and now I'm in a coma."

Finally, a word about image-based emoji. They're sometimes annoyingly inevitable, as when programs automatically translate your :) emoticon into a trademark happy face. And Google's decision to replace Gmail's retro emoji with grotesque yellow blobs is bewildering. But even those inelegant shapes can amuse when you're stuck on the bus, idly composing inane messages to close friends or small children.

In short, dear :) in Vancouver, when it comes to using emoticons or emoji in emails or elsewhere, use common sense, err on the side of respectful restraint and never, ever use them with your mom.

Happy holidays!

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Here's how to stop Canada Post's slow-motion death march

R. Michael Warren

"We will stop Stephen Harper's plan to end door-to-door mail delivery in Canada and undertake a new review of Canada Post, to make sure it provides high-quality service at reasonable prices to Canadians, no matter where they live."

Of the hundreds of election promises made by Justin Trudeau, this one ranks among the most naive.

Ending home delivery for the one-third of Canadians who still receive it saves Canada Post more than $200 million a year. It's a key part of its $700-million Five Point Action Plan to make the corporation profitable.

The Liberals' "fully costed" campaign platform doesn't mention compensating Canada Post. It's as if the corporation can somehow lose $200 million in savings and not slide back into operating losses — covered by taxpayer subsidies.

The "new review" of Canada Post implies there is a silver bullet that will allow it to deliver fewer letters to a growing number of addresses at a reasonable price.

The Harper government allowed Canada Post to struggle for years with a "Transformation Plan" that failed to deliver the promised financial and service results.

It hired Moya Greene, an executive with privatization experience, to head up Canada Post in 2005. She proposed a gradual privatization. The corporation was profitable, debt-free, worth about $1.5 billion and had a fully funded pension plan.

Harper failed to act when the conditions were most favourable. By 2013, Canada Post was bankrupt. Its pension plan was underfunded by $6.5 billion. (All these financial obligations are guaranteed by Canadian taxpayers.)

The Harper government said if Canada Post would implement the tough five-point plan, it would receive four years of relief from making up its pension deficit. This delays but doesn't reduce the obligation.

The plan relies on rate increases and savings from removing home delivery. With pension obligations temporarily lifted, it produced a short-term profit last year. But by the middle of this year, it was again facing losses.

So Canada Post may soon be looking to the government for subsidies to continue letter mail service, something Trudeau neglected to mention. Meanwhile, its pension deficit swelled to $6.8 billion.

Cheaper competitors can make money on all but remote rural routes. It's cheaper to pay them for this than to support Canada Post's monopoly. Canada Post should sell its 90 per cent, $1.5-$2-billion stake in Purolator and be privatized, with the proceeds going to its debt and pension shortfall.

Trudeau should end Canada Post's death spiral with real changes that should have been implemented years ago.

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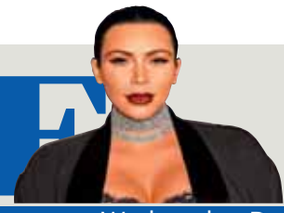

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Taste of the True North

Chef Derek Dammann and food writer Chris Johns spent more than three years travelling Canada coast-to-coast to capture the flavour of our nation

Writer Chris Johns, left, and chef Derek Dammann were inspired by Canadian ingredients — from East-Coast cod, to spot prawns out West, to pulses and lentils on the Prairies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Revving up a snowmobile to cook beans with its muffler was just one adventure had by chef Derek Dammann and writer Chris Johns while researching their stunning new book, True North.

But after a few hours touring a rural Quebec bush on a glorious -25 C day, the beans in their Muffpot cooker were still cold.

"There was a huge acreage and we went in the field, just 80 kilometres an hour, zoom, trying to get the engine hot enough to cook the beans," recalls Dammann.

They ended up cooking them on a stove.

"I do not endorse the Muffpot. They've got to make some serious changes," Dammann adds, chuckling.

In the foreword of True North: Canadian Cooking From Coast to Coast (HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.), British celebrity chef Jamie Oliver writes a laugh-out-loud introduction to his friend of more than a decade.

The two chefs first met when Dammann lunched at Oliver's Fifteen restaurant in London, the day before he was due to fly back to Canada at the end of a trip to study European food. Despite "alarm bells ringing" that Dammann was "showing all the signs of an obsessive stalker," Oliver writes he agreed to Dammann's proposal to don an apron for a stint in the kitchen that night.

At midnight, when an impressed Oliver said he would have given him a job as a senior chef if he wasn't leaving the country, Dammann shouted, "I'll take it," cancelled his flight and worked at Fifteen for three years.

"Damn, that boy can cook," Oliver writes. "I really think he's up there with some of the absolute best chefs in the world."

Dammann laughs about Oliver's foreword during an interview at the publisher's Toronto office.

"I was ready to dance with it, just whatever it was, accept it, but then it's even funnier," says Dammann. "He calls me a virgin and a psycho. It's funny."

Oliver later invested in Dammann's 50-seat Montreal restaurant Maison Publique, which opened just over three years ago and is quintessentially Canadian.

"There's a few artistic liberties, like there's olive oil and lemons and stuff like that. But 90 per cent of the menu is Quebec in the seasons," says Dammann, whose former Restaurant DNA featured nose-to-tail eating.

True North, which alludes to the national anthem in its title, celebrates Canadian food through the experiences of Dammann and Johns, who spent 3 1/2 years gathering material for the book.

"There's a stereotype to Canadian food for sure, just like BeaverTails and back bacon and the poutine and ... doughnuts. Everyone's seen (the film) A Strange Brew and you get the idea of what everyone's vision of what Canadian cuisine is," says Dammann, who grew up in Campbell River, B.C.

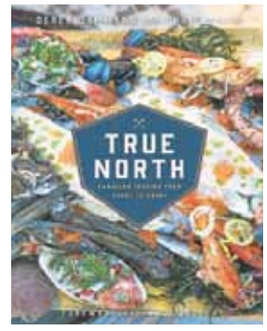
"But we just wanted to show through our eyes — with the ingredients and the travel and the stories — the way we look at it."

The chapters are arranged by ingredients from the locations that inspired them — Atlantic, Forest, Field, Farm, Orchard and Vineyard, and Pacific — and illustrated with gorgeous food and landscape photos.

The duo elected to start their odyssey at the Roots, Rants and Roars Festival in remote Elliston, N.L., which Johns calls the root cellar capital of the world.

While in the province, they hauled in cod in the drizzle outside Quidi Vidi Gut, had a traditional Jiggs dinner in a church gymnasium, and marvelled at the resources available to area chefs, from shellfish to moose to ptarmigan.

On the West Coast, they gained an appreciation for the dedication of fishermen while hunting for spot prawns. The crustaceans were previously mostly exported but have become prized among seafood fanciers.



Dammann, who's used to long days on his feet as a chef, found three days on the boat exhausting.

"One thing about all the people we met with— fishermen or winemakers or farmers or other chefs — is just they all share that in common, just this incredible amount of work, and hard work, that they do," says Johns.

The Toronto-based freelance food and travel writer found the Prairies fascinating.

"These days people are kind of focused on this idea of obscure foraged vegetables from the side of the ocean, or those are kind of the 'cool' things.

"But really what's going on in the Prairies with the lentils and the pulses and mustard and canola, we're feeding the whole world with this stuff," says Johns.

"Those ingredients are often overlooked because they're so ubiquitous.

"But they're incredibly and hugely important to defining what is Canadian cuisine."

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RECIPE

A show-stopping way to serve traditional veggies

Bagna Cauda with winter vegetables is a traditional recipe, yet when it hits the table it's a show stopper. Dammann offers a guideline of vegetables you can use but says ultimately it's your choice.

Dressing

- 40 anchovy fillets in oil
- 250 g (1/2 lb) unsalted butter
- 12 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 fresh red chili pepper, split in half lengthwise, seeds intact
- 1 generous sprig fresh rosemary
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) white wine
- 1 l (4 cups) whipping cream
- Black pepper, to taste
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped Italian parsley

Vegetables

- 2 fennel bulbs, quartered lengthwise and steamed (save fronds for garnish if you like)
- 8 parsnips, peeled, cut into 8-cm (3-inch) lengths and boiled with a bit of lemon
- 1 head cauliflower, cut into florets and steamed
- 4 carrots, peeled, steamed whole, then cut into quarters
- 1 bunch Swiss chard, steamed until tender
- 1/2 endive, cut into lengths and soaked in ice water for 1 hour
- 4 beets, peeled, boiled with a splash of cider vinegar, then sliced

Dressing: Drain anchovies, reserving oil. In a large, heavy saucepan over medium heat, melt butter with anchovy oil. Add garlic and let sizzle for about 30 seconds without taking on any colour. Add anchovies, chili and rosemary sprig and stir with a wooden spoon until anchovies have broken up and completely melted into butter and oil.

Add wine and increase heat to cook off most of the alcohol. Add cream, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer mixture until it is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Remove from heat, discard rosemary and chili and season with pepper. Stir in chopped parsley.

Vegetables: Arrange vegetables in separate piles on a platter. You can pour warm dressing over top or pour it into a warmed jug and pass it around at the table. Serves 6.

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Theresa Albert
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You know how you make the same resolutions every year and drop them by March? Well, this year is going to be different. By planning your resolution success now and being ready for Jan. 2 you will have a much better chance of success.

Resolution 1: Eat more vegetables

Solution: Ask for a juicer for Christmas. These can be a pain in the pants but once you get rolling on it, you will quickly become accustomed to buying a huge batch of vegetables to press once a week. It takes a head of kale, a head of celery, a bunch of parsley and five apples to make a tasty juice that will keep in the fridge all week.

Resolution 2: Lose 10 pounds (also see resolution #1)

Solution: Eating more vegetables will naturally make you feel more energetic and able to displace some of the calories in your SAD (Standard American Diet — yes, Canadians generally have the same SAD diet).

Go through your cupboards now and look for ideas for recipes to use up items like canned beans, veggies and soups. An organized pantry is far more inspiring to cook from so you will be less likely to order in.

Resolution 3: Get more exercise

Solution: Buy yourself those new sneakers/squash shoes/jog bra now while it is on sale and you are out shopping. Don't wait for someone else to find the right size and colour. Heck, wrap it up all pretty like and surprise yourself with something you really want to find under the tree.

Resolution 4: Quit smoking

Solution: Book yourself an appointment now to see your doctor. Pick up the patch, purchase the gum, post your intention on your Facebook page and make yourself accountable.

Now that you are ready for your resolutions, remember to enjoy the holiday! It's more about sharing moments and love than it is about having the perfect tree.

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who loves to spread the word on food

THE SINGLE GUY COOKBOOK

Man-style recipes for one

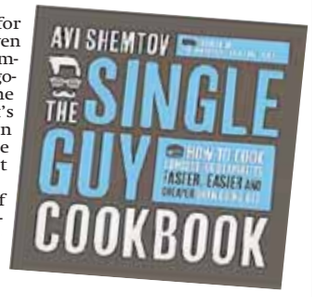
Are you a single guy? Are you hungry? Do you really wish you knew how to cook? If you've answered "yes" to any or all of these three questions, there's definitely a niche cookbook out there for you. This one comes by way of Avi Shemtov, chef and owner of The Chubby Chickpea, a locally sourced falafel-slinging food truck that treads Boston grounds seven days a week.

Shemtov released The Single Guy Cookbook earlier this year, a guide to "man-centric" recipes (think: Waffle-battered Chicken Tenders and One Guy Stir-fry) with commentary written with a bachelor audience in mind.

However, despite his book's title, the 31-year-old wants readers to know his mission to send singles into the kitchen isn't gender-specific. "Cooking for one person is a challenge, even for the greatest chefs," Shemtov says. "And not that I'm going to rid the world of all the ails of gender roles, but it's the single guy who is often told, 'You can't cook because you're a guy and that's not your thing.'"

He says he found himself offering guidance to his single male pals and wrote the book in the tone of the tips and advice he's passed on over the years. He adds, "It's sort of a survival guide for the single person."

A great tip? "For sun-dried tomatoes or marinated mushrooms, use the olive bar [at the grocery store] instead of buying jars. The average guy will just leave those sitting in their fridge for months, and you could have paid a little bit by the pound."



While not so single himself — he's got a wife and two kids — Shemtov certainly knows how to cook,

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A slow take on smokin' hot chili

RECIPE

Chicken thighs steeped in heat make for easy winter treat

Slow cooker chicken chili. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the greatest secret weapon ingredients is chipotles in adobo sauce. These are smoked jalapeno peppers that have been stewed in a sauce of tomatoes, garlic, vinegar, salt and various spices, such as cumin, oregano and paprika. Luckily, the whole thing — peppers and sauce — is sold in tiny cans at just about every grocer.

The easiest way to use these peppers and sauce is to puree the whole thing. You can just dump the contents of the can right into the food processor or blender. Then store the puree in a sealed container in the fridge. Whenever a soup, stew or a chili (or anything that calls for a little touch of smoky heat) needs a little something extra, in goes a tablespoon or two of the puree.

Speaking of secret weapons, one of the best appliances to earn that description is the slow cooker. For many of us, this handy kitchen cooker takes up permanent residence on the counter during the colder months. The unparalleled pleasure of walking into your home at the end of a long day to be greeted by the scent of a cooked meal is hard to overstate.

In this chili, these two secrete weapons join together to turn juicy and moist boneless, skinless chicken thighs into a somewhat spicy and couldn't-be-easier chili. Chili can be made with ground chicken or turkey, which we all love, but it's also nice to change it up with real cubes of chicken. This one is a definite weeknight keeper.

Slow Cooker Chicken Chili

Start to finish: 4 to 6 hours on high, 6 to 8 hours on low (15 minutes active)

Servings: 8

Ingredients:

- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons pureed chipotles in adobo sauce
- 28-ounce can diced tomatoes, with juices
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- Two 15 1/2-ounce cans black beans, drained
- 3 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed of fat and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 scallions, trimmed and chopped
- Juice of 1 lime
- Kosher salt
- Shredded cheddar cheese or Mexican cheese blend
- Sour cream

Directions:

In a large slow cooker, combine the onion, carrots, garlic, chipotles in adobo, tomatoes, chili powder, cumin and beans. Stir to combine, then add the chicken and stir again. Cook in the slow cooker on high for 4 to 6 hours, or low for 6 to 8 hours. Stir in the scallions and lime juice just before serving. Taste, then season with salt. Serve with shredded cheese and sour cream on the side. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINE

Perfect pairings for your Christmas dinner turkey

Peter Rockwell
For Metro Canada

Attention last minute shoppers — if you haven't picked up a bottle for Friday night's food fest you're running out of time.

Doubts about what to buy has probably placed a liquid acquisition at the bottom of your to-do list, so with turkey in mind here are two perfect picks that will work magic with the big bird.

Moselland's 2014 Ars Vitis Riesling ($11.95-$15.99) is for the white wine lovers. Off-dry and grape-forward, this easy-going German is a juicy, side dish-friendly pour that comes wrapped in a pretty package that would be right at home under the tree.

Festive fact: The painting on the label is created by the grape grower using wine, not water. Meiomi 2013 Pinot Noir ($25.99-$29.99) is for the red wine lovers. Thick and mouth-filling, this is one yummy California Pinot that really talks turkey.

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A Christmas dinner for two

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So break out the wine, line-up your Netflix picks, crank up the only version of All I Want For Christmas that matters (Mariah Carey without the Justin Bieber remix, obviously), and have yourself a Christmas to remember.

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This Christmas meal for two ditches the traditional turkey, opting for a smaller chicken. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

RECIPE

Thomas Keller's roast chicken

- 1 whole chicken (1 1/2 to 2 lb)
- 3 to 4 springs of fresh thyme, if desired
- Table or kosher salt and pepper, to taste

Directions

- Rinse and pat chicken dry with paper towel.
- Generously season cavity and skin with salt and pepper. Sprinkle thyme leaves and stems on bird and put some in the cavity, if using.
- Place bird in a roasting pan or oven-safe skillet. Roast at 450F for 50 to 60 minutes, until skin reaches a crisp, golden brown and the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165F. Baste chicken with its juices and let rest for 15 minutes on a cutting board before serving.

Maple-roasted acorn squash

- 1 acorn squash (2 to 2 1/2 lb)
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp table salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper

Directions

- Wash and pat dry squash with paper towel. Using a sturdy chef's knife, split squash lengthwise down middle. Scoop out seeds and membrane with a metal spoon. Cut squash crosswise into 1-cm-thick slices.
- In a large bowl, toss squash with olive oil, maple syrup, salt and pepper.
- Arrange squash in a single layer on a large baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake at 450F for 40 to 45 minutes, or until squash is tender and slightly browned. Let rest on pan for 3 to 4 minutes before transferring to a serving plate.

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- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
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- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) table salt

Directions

- Heat olive oil in a medium-sized skillet. Add garlic. Turn heat to medium-low heat, allowing garlic to infuse flavour into oil, about 3 minutes.
- When garlic starts to brown and become fragrant, add beans and turn up heat to medium. Add salt. Toss beans occasionally for 8 to 10 minutes, until slightly tender. Transfer to a serving plate and serve immediately.

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SALADS AND DESSERTS

Beet salad and croissant s'mores

- 1 large beet peeled and coarsely grated
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 1/2 tbsp (22 mL) lemon juice and zest (about 1/2 lemon peel)
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) table salt
- 2 Tbsp (30 mL) pine nuts, if desired

Directions

In a mixing bowl grate beet. Add olive oil, lemon juice, and salt. Toss. Garnish with lemon zest and pine nuts, if using. Transfer to serving bowl and serve immediately.

Croissant s'mores with cranberry sauce

- 2 plain butter croissants
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) dark chocolate chips or dark chocolate bar chopped into small pieces
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) mini marshmallows
- Maple syrup, to taste
- 2 Tbsp (30 mL) cranberry sauce, to taste (see recipe above)

Beet salad. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Directions

- With a serrated knife, slice croissants horizontally into two halves. Place bottom halves of croissants, cut sides up, on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
- Load bottom halves of croissants with chocolate and marshmallows. Place top halves of croissants back on top.
- Bake at 350F for 4 to 5 minutes, until chocolate has melted and marshmallows are a toasted golden brown.
- Transfer croissant s'mores on to a serving plate. Drizzle generously with maple syrup and 1 tbsp (15 mL) of cranberry sauce on each croissant. Serve immediately. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Savoury pies a winter delight

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Members of Team Pie will love Dinner Pies — a 100-recipe book devoted to savoury pies to get them through the winter.

Focusing on hearty meat- and root-vegetable-based pies presented as a full meal, Dinner Pies' ($36) first chapters are a primer of essential tools and ingredients for pie crusts, tips on rolling out the dough, and a dozen recipes for the crusts used throughout the book (sorry, no vegan options).

From there, about 100 recipes for savoury pot pies, hand pies, turnovers tarts, quiches, galettes, and cobblers fill the 269-page book. Classic pies — sausage and Guinness, Shepherd's pie and asparagus and goat cheese quiche are covered along with some more, ahem, American entries like Fritos chili pot pie, Tex Mex chicken tortilla pie and taco pot pie. You'll have to look at the author's previous books for the sweet pies.

Ken Haedrich is the man behind The Pie Academy website (thepieacademy.com), an online recipe hub and shop for all things pie-related. He's also written half a dozen other cookbooks centred on American comfort food (he is from North Carolina, after all).

The Curried Chicken is Haedrich's "favourite chicken pot pie recipe."

This curried chicken pot pie is The Pie Academy's Ken Haedrich's favourite chicken pot pie recipe. CONTRIBUTED

Curried Chicken Pot Pie

There's enough filling here to make three or four individually sized pies. Cover extra filling with aluminum foil and store in fridge for an easily reheated dinner. The curry adds aromatics but not much heat, so if you want it spicy, add 1 tsp cayenne.

Ingredients

- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 cup finely chopped white onion
- 1 1/2 cup peeled and finely diced carrot
- 1 cup finely diced red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp mild curry powder
- 1 3/4 cups no-salt added chicken broth
- 1 1/4 cups whole milk or half-and-half
- 1 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1/3 cup canned pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling)
- 1/2 tsp table salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1 large egg beaten with 1 Tbsp whole milk or half-and-half (to brush on top of pie crust)

Directions

Bring a medium-sized pot of water to a rapid boil over medium-high heat. Add chicken breasts and cook until no longer pink in middle, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Let cool to room temperature and dice into small cubes. Set aside.

Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and pepper. Cook until vegetables soften, 10 minutes.

Add flour and curry powder. Stir, 1 minute. Add chicken broth slowly, stirring frequently to dissolve curry powder and flour. When broth thickens, add milk. Continue to cook at a slow simmer another 3 minutes, stirring frequently to prevent burning.

Stir in chicken, chickpeas, peas and pumpkin puree. Add salt and pepper. Taste. Adjust seasoning as needed. Continue cooking until the liquid in the pot becomes a thick gravy.

If making more than one pot pie, divide the filling into oven-safe ramekins or small pans that can each hold about 1 to 1 1/4 cups of filling. Make sure to leave a bit of room for the pie crust on top. Set aside.

Divide the pie dough ball into the number of pie pans you are using. On a lightly floured surface, roll out each dough ball with a lightly floured rolling pin until the dough is slightly bigger than the diameter of the pie pan. Drape the flattened dough over the top of the pan, pressing any extra dough on to the side of the pan to seal the pie. Using a fork or a knife, poke two or three holes in the centre of the crust. Repeat for the other pies.

Lightly brush the dough with the egg mixture.

Place the pot pies on an unlined baking sheet in the oven. Bake at 375 F for 35 to 45 minutes, until crust is golden-brown and filling is bubbling hot. Place on a cooling rack for at least 15 minutes before serving.

Makes 4 servings.

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Jen and Ben best buds for holidays

The first Christmas after a divorce — especially when there are small children involved — can be a tricky one. So Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck's newly refreshed face are putting on a united front, celebrating the holiday together for the sake of family harmony, according to Us Weekly.

"Christmas morning they will all be together to open presents," a source says, adding that the clan will be celebrating at a cabin in Montana. "Ben and Jen want every Christmas to be a time of joy and family. They want their kids' childhood memories to still be good." But don't take this show of cooperation as anything more than some good, solid co-parenting.

"Ben and Jen are together only for the kids, not romantically," the source warns.

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JLaw admits to liplock with Liam

Sure, Katniss Everdeen ends up with Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) instead of Gayle (Liam Hemsworth) in The Hunger Games series but that doesn't necessarily mean Jennifer Lawrence feels the same way. There's that rumor about them being spotted at the Waverly Inn this autumn locking lips. Watch What Happens Live host Andy Cohen wanted to know a little bit more about that when Lawrence stopped by the show. "Liam and I grew up together. Liam's real hot," she offered. "What would you have done?" When pressed further about whether she had ever locked lips with Hemsworth during off-hours, Lawrence responded, "Yeah. I did. At one point."

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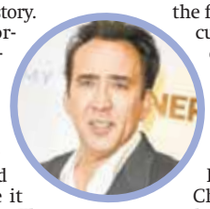
Cage is out one skull



I swear this is a real story. Famed kooky actor-type Nicolas Cage — known for having a penchant for outlandish purchases — has been forced to return a dinosaur skeleton head he'd picked up because it turns out it's stolen. The U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan filed for forfeiture last week to return the Tyrannosaurus bataar skull to the government of Mongolia.

Cage has not been named in the filing and is not accused of any wrongdoing. When he procured the dino skull in 2007 for $276,000, he was assured by the seller — Beverly Hills gallery I.M. Chait — that it was authentic and on the up and up. But the authorities, it seems, found a way. Cage has cooperated fully in returning it. He originally outbid Leonardo DiCaprio for the skull.

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Adele sheds light on biz but that's totally not shade she's throwing

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MUSIC INDUSTRY

Singer has no time for artists she doesn't like

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Oh, Adele. You're the best. The Hello singer opens up to Time magazine about the business practices of some of her contemporaries, though she insists she's not throwing shade — though she totally is. "I feel like some artists — and this isn't shading any artist, just me trying to come up with my own explanation — the bigger they get, the more horrible they get, and the more unlikable," she says. "And I don't care if you make an amazing album — if I don't like you, I ain't getting your record. I don't want you being played in my house if I think you're a bastard."

"I'm not throwing shade at anybody," Adele says, "but when you have a six-month build up, don't expect me to be there the day your album comes out, because I'm bored. It doesn't matter how amazing it is. You put seven songs out. I've heard the album. I've heard everything you want to say about it. I've heard it all over radio. Don't expect me to not lose interest before it's even happened."

Tell us how you really feel.

Comedy as a political career

Christian Bale stars in The Big Short, directed by Adam McKay. Even McKay's big, broad absurdist comedies have germs of subversive ideas embedded in them, but here the director confronts political ideas head-on in a hard-to-pin-down format. CONTRIBUTED

INTERVIEW

McKay grew up poor with a solid civics foundation

You don't have to look too closely to realize that Adam McKay's work has always been at least a little bit political.

But the director, writer and producer, best known for broad comedies like Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy and Step Brothers, turned some heads when he raised his hand to direct an adaptation of Michael Lewis's financial crisis book The Big Short.

His film, which expands nationwide on Christmas, is a bristling look at the real finance guys who realized before the rest of us that the housing bubble would burst — and profited when it did.

It boasts an all-star cast including Christian Bale, Brad Pitt, Ryan Gosling and Steve Carell and has been garnering some serious Oscar buzz.

It's a departure for McKay in that it's so overtly about the thing he is talking about and not cloaked in allegory or big, absurdist laughs. But it wasn't as big a stretch as one might think.

Politics are life for McKay. He credits his childhood for that, when being dirt poor and on food stamps still allowed for a nice life.

"My grandfather and I always talked about the election and what was going on. He was always reading the paper and telling me to stay in touch. I think it was just an old-school civics foundation," he said.

When he moved to Chicago to start his standup and improv comedy career, he became known on the scene as the "political guy." No one else talked about politics.

Even his big, broad absurdist comedies have germs of subversive ideas embedded in them. Don't worry if that wasn't clear.

"First and foremost they're supposed to be funny and entertaining," he says. So, as silly as it is, with Anchorman we were making fun of what has happened to local news."

The Big Short isn't the first time McKay tried to tackle the financial crisis, either. That was in the 2009 Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg comedy The Other Guys.

The Big Short was another chance to address it head on. He devoured the book in a single night. Brad Pitt's company Plan B held the rights and liked the idea of McKay taking a shot. The book's author, Michael Lewis, didn't have a say in the matter but he thought it was perfect.

"Even if he just took it and turned it into a broad comedy, that would be better than what most people would do with it, which would be to make it really tedious," Lewis said.

To bring The Big Short to life, McKay threw out lots of filmmaking rules. His characters break the fourth wall. He melds documentary techniques with comedic energy and dramatic gravitas. He shot with multiple cameras. He even tells you when a scene didn't happen exactly as presented.

Sometimes he cuts to a celebrity, playing themselves, to explain complex financial concepts. In one instance, actress Margot Robbie sits in a bubble bath, champagne in hand, and explains mortgage bonds to us.

Suffice it to say, The Big Short exists in some seriously genreless waters. One person in a focus group called it a "tragic, docu-comedy." McKay liked that.

It wasn't even supposed to be an awards movie — it was tentatively slated for Spring 2016. But much to the surprise of everyone, the film was in pretty good shape when they assembled a rough cut in October. So they rushed to the finish.

"I think it's the best movie about Wall Street ever made and that almost doesn't do it justice," Lewis said. "I was totally impressed and I had nothing to do with it."

For McKay's part, though he said it would be a dream for people to use the film as a call to action, he hopes it'll foremost engage the audience. "That has to happen before there can be action." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"My goal is that it demystifies this world for some people. That it just takes away that feeling of, like, we're too dumb to understand it."

Director Adam McKay

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SEASON RECAP

Fargo series took on a life of its own

Fargo's second season is over, but many of us remain mesmerized by it, as if we were flat on our backs staring up at a UFO.

In the midst of the TV industry's creative and cultural peak, the Calgary-produced show slipped onto the scene and quietly, steadily propelled itself up critics' best-of lists.

The first season of creator Noah Hawley's anthology for FX was tremendous in its own right — it effortlessly shrugged off any expectations viewers had in connection with Joel and Ethan Coen's iconic 1996 film — but Fargo's second season is even better.

Fargo succeeded by using snippets of multiple dramatic constructs to assemble a first-rate, postmodern pastiche that felt familiar and fresh all at once.

In Season 1, Hawley wove elements of the Fargo movie into his plot, paying homage to the Coen Bros.' genius at nearly every turn.

To help give the TV version of Fargo a life of its own, Hawley created unforgettable standalone roles in Season 2 with no connection to the tale that preceded it.

Each had a crucial place in the plot's house of cards; never did you get the sense (as you did in True Detective's second season) that scenes had to be divided equally among the major stars. Instead, you can't imagine Season 2 of Fargo without any of them.

The end result of Hawley's brilliant splicing process intentionally blurred the lines between the movie and the first two seasons — a third season is scheduled for the spring of 2017 — and between objective and subjective reality.

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Kirsten Dunst in Fargo.
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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Show exposes incompetence

THE SHOW: Making a Murderer, Episode Four (Netflix)

Brendan Dassey, a 16-year-old boy with an IQ of 75, phones his mother from prison in Manitowoc County, Wisc. He's just confessed that he and his uncle, Steven Avery, raped and murdered photographer Teresa Hallbach.

"I didn't do it, though," he tells his mother (Avery's sister). "But why did you say it if you didn't do it?" she cries, audibly panicked. "I guessed," Brendan says. "Like I guess at my homework."

You might want to watch this true-crime series behind closed doors, because I guarantee you will be yelling at your screen. It follows Avery's case over a ten-year period. The gross incompetence it exposes — of the police, lawyers, and judges — is breathtaking, and the degree to which they manipulate people and facts is deeply troubling.

Making a Murderer feeds the appetite for true crime stories evinced by the huge successes of the podcast Serial and HBO's miniseries The Jinx: The Lives and Deaths of Robert Durst.

If the first season of the former was about race in America (the second season just started), and the latter about money, Making a Murderer is about class. Avery's family owns an auto salvage business (much of the voiceover is accompanied by shots of rusting cars). They're undereducated (his mother calls newsmagazine shows, "Them things that's on TV always"). His girlfriend is in and out of prison for drunk driving. Seeing what easy targets they are will make you queasy.

"Poor people lose," Avery sums up. "They lose all the time."

"You might want to watch this true-crime series behind closed doors, because I guarantee you will be yelling at your screen.

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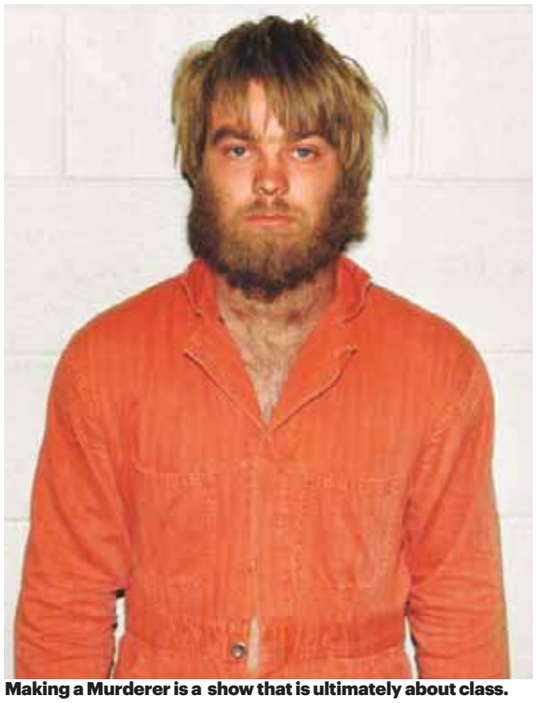

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Director X's surprise Hotline Bling success

VIDEOS

Man behind hit video talks success and Drake

Through the seemingly endless stream of parodies and fan adulation for Drake's viral Hotline Bling video, perhaps no one has been more surprised by its success than its Toronto director.

"It was incredible," said Director X (real name Julien Christian Lutz) of the reaction to video, which has surpassed 245 million views.

"I was really blown away. I didn't expect it to be so big. It's crazy."

X, as he's often referred to, has been directing videos for some of the world's biggest recording artists for 20 years now. They include Kendrick Lamar, Usher, Justin Bieber, Nicki Minaj, Timbaland, Jay-Z, Alicia Keys and John Mayer, to name but a few.

He's also getting into big-screen projects and is directing his second feature film,Center Stage 3: Dance Camp.

He shot Hotline Bling through his production company, Creative Soul, in Toronto in September. It was his third time working with Drake after Worst Behaviour and Started from the Bottom.

"He's a great collaborator," said X. "He definitely knows what he wants and even has an understanding of what's going to work. It's a good experience working with him.

"It's good to be working with someone that's more of a partner than just some guy who shows up and then stands in front of the camera and leaves," X continued.

"He's involved, top to bottom, beginning to end. He's not leaving anything for someone else to figure out for him."

Hotline Bling, which debuted in late October, has become a sensation, largely because of Drake's slow body-roll dancing in it.

But it was X's artistic vision that emphasized the moves.

The video starts with a shot of curvaceous women working in a cubicle-divided call centre. It then cuts to Drake (whose real name is Aubrey Graham) doing a series of shimmy-shuffle grooves on a minimalistic, illuminated set featuring light boxes and stairs.

Overall, the goal was "just doing a big performance piece," said X, noting he was asked to do something along the lines of his Temperature video for Sean Paul.

"I have a graphic style, I like sets, I'm very into architecture and design," said X.

"You pull things from, you know, 'Look at that building, the way they built the wall.' You're pulling all these different influences and mixing them with your own ideas and coming out the other side with something."

The Brampton native got his start as an intern at MuchMusic in the mid-'90s.

"I was just beginning to look at music videos. I didn't really know there was a career," he said with a laugh.

"Then I found, 'Oh, this is really a thing,' and I was already pursuing it. But it was like, 'Oh, there's a life here.' There were no grand plans. It's just what I wanted to do."

He studied and learned a lot on his own, through books and hands-on experience in New York, where he worked under hip-hop music video pioneer Hype Williams.

"The main lesson I really learned from him is when he told me that (a music video) has to be about something. That was eye-opening," said X.

"And that's what the Drake piece is about: the sets and the colour changes. 'Gimme the Light' (by Sean Paul) is about the sets. You can make something about something, even though it's not in the narrative sense.... It doesn't have to be a story, it can be about shoes, it can be about a colour." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brampton, Ont., native Director X got his start as an intern at MuchMusic in the mid-'90s. COURTESY DIRECTOR X/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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It ain't heavy, it's the Tahoe

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REVIEW

Quick steering response makes Chevy SUV feel much smaller

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

Between gas prices, congestion and parking woes, full-size SUVs don't have the cachet they once did. But there's still a place for them, and so GM has completely redesigned its Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban.

The two are essentially the same, but the Suburban rides on a longer wheelbase, with more legroom and cargo space. The 2015 models got the update, while the 2016 versions are unchanged except for some trim items.

I drove the Tahoe. Like the Suburban, it uses a 5.3-litre V8 as before, but this is a new version that, at 355 horsepower, is more powerful than the 320-horse version it replaces. It comes in two- or four-wheel drive, and when properly equipped, it can tow up to 3,856 kg (8,500 lbs), an important factor in a vehicle that many people buy in place of a truck.

For all its bulk, and it is big, the Tahoe doesn't feel heavy. Much of that has to do with its quick steering response, which makes it feel like you're piloting something much smaller. The cabin is extremely quiet, and the strong engine accelerates swiftly and smoothly when power is needed. Its fuel economy will seem high if you're accustomed to a smaller crossover, but its published figures are the best of its competitors.

The interior is handsome, and the first- and second-row seats are comfortable, but the third row is another story. Perched above the rear axle, these flat-cushioned chairs are close to the floor and leave you sitting with your chin on your knees. Unless you have small children, or friends desperate for a ride, you'll probably keep them folded down to give you more cargo space.

Available in three trim lines, the Tahoe also offers a number of option packages that add some nice features but also can get pricey. My mid-range LT trim was optioned to more than $68,400, but still didn't have a navigation system. That said, for those in the market for a full-size SUV, Chevrolet's redesigned version is very well done and worthy of a look.

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THE CHECKLIST | 2016 CHEVROLET TAHOE

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, 7- or 8-passenger full-size SUV
Engine (hp/torque). 5.3-litre V8 (355/383)
Transmission. Six-speed automatic
Price. $52,740 (base), $68,435 (tested), plus destination

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POINTS

- The GMC Yukon and Yukon XL are the mechanical twins to the Tahoe and Suburban, but slightly more upscale and pricier.
- The 5.3-litre V8 uses active fuel management, which shuts off fuel to half the cylinders when full power isn't needed for better efficiency.
- If the lane departure system notices you drifting out of your lane, it vibrates the seat as a warning.

MARKET POSITION

Large SUVs are a niche market, but can be popular with those who need passenger and cargo space while towing boats or trailers. GM and Ford are the only mainstream companies to offer one model in two different lengths.

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TECH TRADE SHOW

Automotive presence to be bigger than ever at 2016 CES

In recent years the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas has been reenergized as an event for providing consumers with a peek into the automotive world of the future and at this year's show, which runs Jan. 6 to 9, 2016, a new record is expected in terms of the number of automakers in attendance.

Aston Martin

It can still compete in terms of esthetics, but in every other department, James Bond's automotive brand of choice is slipping further and further behind the competition. However, all of that is expected to change in the year ahead, starting with CES where the company is tipped to present its first connected car concept.

Audi

No stranger to the event, or to wowing the crowds with autonomous technology, Audi is tipped to unveil a new flagship A8 luxury sedan complete with a production-ready version of its piloted driving and remote parking systems.

Rinspeed

The Swiss design studio is showing an autonomous car concept called the Etos. Based on the BMW i8 it even has its own drone that can take to the sky to check out the road ahead or be sent out for pizza when stuck in traffic.

Bosch

One of the most intriguing of the German automotive supplier's showcases will be a crowd-sourced take on finding a parking space. "With the help of sensors, cars identify and measure the gaps between parked cars as they drive past them. The information they record is transferred to a digital road map," explains Gerhard Steiger, president of the Bosch Chassis Systems Control division.

Continental

The tire maker and component supplier will be giving real-world demonstrations of its Dynamic eHorizon connected car platform that, in Continental's own words, lets you see around the corner. "Predictive driving is safe driving. This is what any driver learns in driving school," said Ralf Lenninger, head of Innovation, System Development and Strategy.

Volkswagen

Rumours are flying that a new car based on its iconic Microbus will be unveiled in Las Vegas; however, all VW will say is that it will be a "completely new concept car" and that it will mark "the beginning of a new era of affordable long-distance electromobility."

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Rumour has it a new car based on Volkswagen's iconic Microbus will be unveiled.

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Forecasting the top car tech picks

EQUIPMENT AND FEATURES

Best options to choose in a 2016 car, according to Autotrader

Autotrader has been crunching the data, going through the options lists and examining historical consumer sentiment in order to put together its guide to the best options to select if buying a new car in the year ahead.

Buying a new car has never been easier. BMW's new web portal, for instance, can take care of the whole process in just 10 minutes, all from the comfort of your living room.

However, the lists and array of optional equipment and features, even on the most mass-market cars, have never been longer or more complex and it's often impossible to know what is worth the investment.

"All of the major automakers are racing to integrate the latest and greatest features into their vehicles," said Brian Moody, executive editor at Autotrader. "The last several years have seen great advances in automotive technology, from features that keep drivers safer to some that make the car infinitely more entertaining to drive. And in 2016, we'll see many of these features make their way into a wider variety of vehicles."

To clear up the confusion, Autotrader has curated a list of the features that it believes will be the best options to pick in a 2016 car.

A 360-degree camera

In the U.S., a reversing camera is already obligatory, but more and more companies, from Audi to Nissan, are now taking the technology to another level by offering virtual all-round or bird's-eye views of the car's surroundings for missing any obstacle when reversing.

Self-parking

All mainstream motor manufacturers now have a self-parking system as standard or optional equipment that can cope with both perpendicular and parallel spaces. It is faster and more reliable than most humans, and is already one of the most commonly specified features for European car buyers.

Automatic steering

Autotrader is using this as an umbrella term for a number of different lane-keeping, traffic jam assist and highway-piloting systems that are beginning to trickle down from concept to production. According to Bosch's figures, lane-keeping features alone are enough to prevent up to 28 per cent of accidents resulting in injury caused by poor lane discipline.

LED headlamps

They look cool but they also do a better job of illuminating the road than any other current-generation headlamp technology. On Audis, Mercedes and now even the latest Fords, the LEDs can automatically refocus so as not to dazzle oncoming drivers, shine around the car ahead and even bend to brighten a corner before steering into it.

Smartphone integration

Consumers want access to apps and other smartphone services while behind the wheel and they prefer the systems on their handsets to the ones that car companies are offering. Therefore, better smartphone integration, via Android Auto or Apple CarPlay, is going to be a true must-have for anyone that wants hands-free calling and turn-by-turn navigation. AFP

Look for better smartphone integration. ISTOCK

A 360-degree camera monitoring system, such as that found in the 2016 Kia Sorento, is among the tech features car shoppers may want to keep an eye on in the new year. KATHY RENWALD/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Former Tampa Bay coach doesn't expect the Steven Stamkos hysteria to die down soon: 'It's big because Stammer's big'

Power plays powerless

NHL

Lightning fizzle despite Canucks penalties

The Vancouver Canucks won the final game of a long trip despite a steady parade of players entering the penalty box.

Daniel Sedin scored the go-ahead goal in the third period, Jacob Markstrom made 26 saves and the road-weary Canucks beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 on Tuesday night.

"It was a huge win for us, obviously," Markstrom said. "It means a lot, especially now with a little break."

Sven Baertschi also scored for the Canucks, who finished their road swing 2-3-1 after losing the first three games. Vancouver, which had one power play, allowed just one goal on 10 shorthanded opportunities.

"We took some bad penalties that we didn't need to take," said coach Willie Desjardins. "There were a couple that I thought maybe could have gone the other way. We hurt ourselves probably more than the refs did."

Tampa Bay got a goal from Jonathan Marchessault.

Both teams are off until Saturday due to the Christmas break.

"Maybe after a game like this, it's good to get away from the arena," Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said.

The defending Eastern Conference champions dropped to 8-7-1 at home this season after going 32-8-1 in 2014-15.

Canucks captain Henrik Sedin contributed an assist after missing two games with a lower-body injury. Starting goalie Ryan Miller, who left with cramping during the shootout of Sunday's 5-4 loss at Florida, was scratched.

Daniel Sedin put the Canucks up 2-1 from the top of the right circle off a pass from Henrik Sedin at 11:09 of the third. Henrik Sedin broke a tie with Luc Robitaille for 47th place with his 727th career assist.

The Sedin twins have played in 586 wins together.

"They're remarkable," Desjardins said. "They're always in the game. You can be getting nothing and those two can create."

Baertschi opened the scoring at 15:57 of the first. He has a goal in three consecutive games.

Tampa Bay's power play was woeful on each of its first five opportunities. The best scoring chance actually came when Vancouver's Derek Dorsett had his 2-on-1 backhander turned aside by Ben Bishop.

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Tampa Bay Lightning centre Jonathan Marchessault, left, moves the puck around Vancouver Canucks defenceman Alex Biega during the second period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday in Tampa, Fla. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUESDAY In Tampa

CANUCKS	LIGHTNING
2	1

CFL

Lions keep Menard

David Menard may have been an unheralded draft pick, selected in the fourth round, 32nd overall, for the B.C. Lions in 2014.

But he's managed to turn heads since coming into the Canadian Football League later that summer, and on Tuesday, the Leos rewarded him for his strong play as a depth defensive lineman with a two-year contract extension that keeps Menard in B.C. through the 2017 season.

Menard, 25, was set to enter the option year of his initial deal with the Lions, according to the club.

Playing primarily in a backup role on the Leos' defensive line, Menard has 25 tackles and eight sacks in 36 games spread out over two seasons.

25

The number of tackles in David Menard's CFL career in 36 games over two seasons.

"David has been a very productive player for us and we expect him to continue to develop into an effective defensive lineman," said head coach and general manager Wally Buono in a statement.

"Talented Canadian depth is critical to our success and having a player like David here for the next two years is a big signing for us."

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The B.C. Lions' David Menard
JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal Impact's Didier Drogba. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLS

Whitecaps may miss out on facing Drogba

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

Could local soccer fans be treated to the immense talents of Didier Drogba this spring?

The Vancouver Whitecaps announced Tuesday they will open the 2016 season against the Montreal Impact at BC Place Stadium on March 6, which certainly opens the door to the possibility of the city's soccer fans getting to catch a live glimpse of Drogba in game action.

Renowned for his scoring prowess with Chelsea FC and the Ivory Coast national team, which he left in 2014 as the all-time leading scorer, the now 37-year-old Drogba played 11 games for the Impact last season.

He scored 11 goals, making the transition to Major League Soccer appear seamless and sending a jolt into the Impact during the stretch drive.

Now, there could be a major wrench thrown into this prospective plan of him playing against the Whitecaps in Vancouver.

According to ESPN, Chelsea's interim manager Guus Hiddink told Fox Sports that he intends to get Drogba "involved" with Chelsea and that the striker's heart was "with Chelsea."

The Impact was then forced to comment, releasing a brief statement via Twitter that Chelsea FC had not contacted Drogba or the Montreal club.

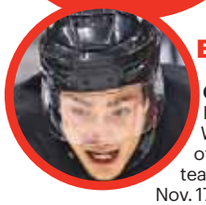
Then, another twist: RDS reported Tuesday that Drogba did receive an offer from Chelsea.

There was growing anticipation last summer that the Whitecaps could face Drogba when the Impact visited Vancouver for the second and final leg of the Amway Canadian Championship, following his MLS debut in August.

That never materialized, however, as Drogba did not even make the trip. The Whitecaps went on to take the Voyageurs Cup.

5 CANADIANS TO WATCH IN FINLAND

The world junior hockey championship begins on Saturday with Canada facing the United States in the preliminary round. Here are five Canadian players to keep an eye on, starting on Boxing Day:



BRAYDEN POINT

Centre, Calgary

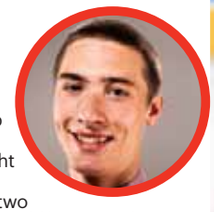
Point is arguably the best player in the Western Hockey League and a veteran of Canada's 2014 gold-medal junior team. However, he injured his shoulder on Nov. 17, forcing him to miss several games for the Moose Jaw Warriors and wear a non-contact jersey for Canada's selection camp. He played in Canada's pre-competition games but also missed some practices to rest his injury. If he's on the ice he's one of Canada's most dynamic playmakers. If he's injured, Canada will need to scramble to find a distributor of Point's ability.

2015-16 stats (Moose Jaw Warriors, WHL)

GP	G	A	+/-	PIM
19	18	25	9	8

MASON MCDONALD

Goaltender, Halifax



Hockey Canada's original plan was to carry two goaltenders, with Mackenzie Blackwood being the presumptive starter and McDonald keeping him sharp as a skilled backup. That all changed when Blackwood was suspended for eight games by the OHL on Dec. 8. Now Blackwood can't dress for Canada's first two games of the world juniors, putting McDonald between the pipes and last-minute addition Samuel Montembeault on the bench. McDonald, at least against the United States and Denmark, will have all eyes on him.

2015-16 stats (Charlottetown Islanders, QMJHL)

GP	W	L	GAA	SV%
19	7	12	3.47	0.893

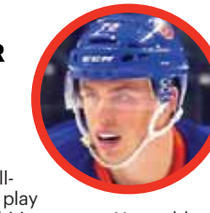
JAKE VIRTANEN

Right-winger, New Westminster

Virtanen rode his success from last year's world juniors to the Canucks, making the team as a 19-year-old rookie. He's struggled with one goal and four assists in 19 games. He went scoreless in two games while on a conditioning assignment with the American Hockey League's Utica Comets before joining Canada's junior team. He could be a leader in the Canadian locker-room but also has the opportunity to turn around his season in the NHL.

2015-16 stats (Canucks, NHL)

GP	G	A	+/-	PIM
19	1	3	-3	15



ANTHONY BEAUVILLIER

Left-winger, Sorel, Que.

One of the youngest players on Canada's roster this year, Beauvillier impressed at selection camp in early December, scoring four times in two games against Canadian university all-stars, including a hat trick. His strong play continued into pre-competition exhibition games. He could be a breakout star of the tournament if his hand stays hot.

2015-16 stats (Shawinigan Cataractes, QMJHL)

GP	G	A	+/-	PIM
21	17	24	6	31

DYLAN STROME

Centre, Mississauga, Ont.

All the attention has been showered on outspoken winger Mitch Marner ahead of the world junior championship, but Strome will be the centre for Canada's top line at the tournament. The third-overall pick of the 2015 NHL draft, Strome is Canada's most talented player in Helsinki, Finland. How he and longtime friend Marner react to the pressure of the event could decide if Canada will repeat as world champions.

2015-16 stats (Erie Otters, OHL)

GP	G	A	+/-	PIM
25	16	37	15	12

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NFL

Coach strikes out Panthers' use of bat

A frustrated Ron Rivera will no longer allow Carolina players to bring baseball bats on the field before games, even though he said the Panthers have done nothing wrong.

The Panthers coach is upset about what he said are untrue reports that some players taunted Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. with physical threats and homophobic slurs before Sunday's game.

> **It's the No Fun League for a reason.**
> Ron Rivera

Rivera said Tuesday that the Panthers wouldn't stand for that kind of behaviour and the team found no evidence it occurred.

When asked why, if the Panthers hadn't broken any league rules, he made the decision to do away with taking bats onto the field, Rivera said, "because I'm going to hear it if I don't.

"That's the truth of the matter," Rivera said. "So to avoid the situation and set of circumstances, let's just eliminate it ... It's the No Fun League for a reason."

Neither the Giants nor Beckham have released any statements accusing the Panthers of taunting the wide receiver before the game with physical harm or homophobic slurs.

The coach said the baseball bat is used by the Panthers as a motivational prop, representing the team having a home-run mentality when it comes to making big plays.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Skip takeout and whip up this easy noodle dish.

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Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 x 8 oz package of soba noodles
- 1 lb large shrimp, peeled and cleaned
- 1 head of broccoli, trimmed into small florets
- 4 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions
1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Get a big pot of water on to boil.
2. In a small bowl, mix together your oils, vinegar, lemon juice and a bit of salt and pepper. In a large bowl, toss together your broccoli and half of that marinade. Now spread it out evenly across two baking sheets and pop it in a hot oven for 10 minutes.
3. In that same bowl, toss your shrimp with the other half of the marinade. When the broccoli has been in the oven for 10 minutes, take out the sheets, turn the broccoli over and add the shrimp evenly across the two sheets. Put it all back in the oven for another 10 minutes.
4. Cook your soba noodles according to package instructions.
5. In the final 2 or 3 minutes, take the baking sheets out and give everything another stir. In the end the broccoli should be firm but tender and all the shrimp should be opaque and pink.
6. Drain the soba noodles and turn them out onto a big platter. Spoon the broccoli and shrimp over top. Pour any juices that have accumulated in the pan on top.

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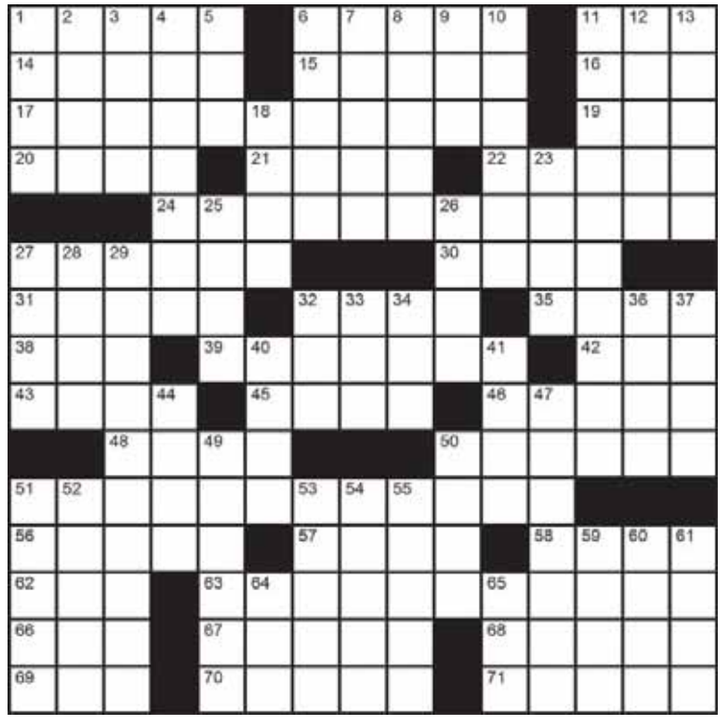

ACROSS
1. "Sleigh Ride" bit: "..._-up, let's go..."
6. Nova Scotia island
11. Month parts [abbr.]
14. Blazing
15. Mountain chain
16. 'Serpent' suffix
17. Seasonal tune covered by Canadian singer Kim Stockwood: "It's a __ World"
19. Christmas beverage
20. 'Kitchen' suffix
21. Brain wave
22. Like poodle skirts now
24. Trendy Christmas fashions: 2 wds.
27. Progresses
30. Prod
31. Surrealist artist Max
32. Orange juice stuff
35. "__ it about time?"
38. Stop-_-__
39. House levels, variantly
42. "Gosh!"
43. Singer on "Do They Know It's Christmas?": Boy George aka George O'__
45. To the __ (Fully)
46. 'My Christmas Favorites': Tennessee __ Ford album
48. Cartoon bear
50. Scant
51. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" has eleven: 2 wds.
56. "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas / Just like the __ used to know..." - Irving Berlin
57. Driving 4x4s, commonly
58. Christmas angel spot
62. School org.
63. Resort hills are illuminated for it: 2 wds.
66. Bother
67. Sports shoe's slip stopper
68. In with
69. Yesses opposites
70. __-totsy
71. Heads: French

DOWN
1. Up for it
2. "__ __ first you don't succeed..."
3. Soil
4. #49-Down is based on his book: 2 wds.
5. Slangy affirmation, variantly
6. "A Very __ Christmas" (1988 TV movie starring a '70s family sitcom cast)
7. Wheezing noises
8. Bride's new relative
9. Pride
10. Prepare the gift once more
11. Festive tune by Sarah McLachlan that starts "Lake is frozen over..."
12. Bouillon brand
13. Some lilies
18. Wire diameter measures
23. Needle case
25. Comprehends
26. Catch a glimpse
27. Remain unsettled
28. Jason's craft
29. Rocky Mountain features: 2 wds.
32. Taro root dish
33. Website
34. Permit
36. Film __ (Movie genre)
37. Yoredom's 'you'
40. Not that
41. Visible
44. Performs
47. "Alexander's __ Band" by #56-Across
49. Jim Carrey's 'Mean' 2000 Christmas role
50. Pine for
51. Make a brief visit: 2 wds.
52. Brief beginning
53. Washington's __ Sound
54. "__ __ potential." (House buyer's observation)
55. "Christmas All Over Again" by Tom __ & The Heartbreakers
59. Hilarious human
60. Feminine suffix
61. #19-Across ingredients
64. UN workers agcy.
65. Kit __ (Chocolate treat)

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You will give freely of your time and energy today but take care that your generosity is not abused. Sometimes you can be too easy-going for your own good. Give only to those who deserve your help.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Surprises are likely, so brace yourself for unexpected changes. You may not have much control over what's taking place in your life, but that does not mean you won't enjoy it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you're going to take a risk, if you're going to put everything you've gained on the line, now is the time. There is no guarantee you'll win but the odds are definitely in your favour.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will go against accepted wisdom today. Deep down you know your way is best, even if the whole world is against you. You will make some outrageous decisions, and each and every one of them will be right!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will surprise yourself and do something that scares you. You might even make a success of it. But even if you don't you'll still impress people in positions of power.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do what makes you happy, not what makes other people happy. If that makes you unpopular in certain circles, so be it. You might find yourself better off financially without them as well.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You feel inspired to do something out of the ordinary. Whatever it may be, and whatever the reaction, you're sure to make a success of it and you're sure to make money from it.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Let your hair down and let others see you are not at all the conservative Capricorn they think you are. Don't worry if you shock certain people. The way to get noticed nowadays is to act just a little bit outrageous.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't worry if you fall behind in your everyday routine. What matters is that you give some thought to the direction your life is heading. A change of course may be necessary.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You have to be a bit more adventurous now. If you want to get in other people's good books then do something different, something they would never expect of you.

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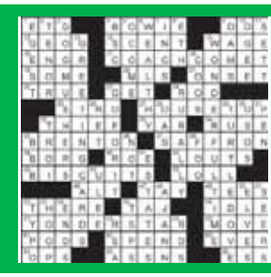

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